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The cast of the Grand Theatre's musical Legally Blonde stirs up some interest in their show with a noisy display on Thursday outside Covent Garden Market. Story, page 4. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

City firefighters among lowest paid in region

Contract arbitration. Ivey professor cites cost of living as one of the main reasons

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Are London firefighters underpaid? A labour-relations expert says they just might be.

More than two and a half years after the most recent contract ended between the city and its firefighters, the sides are in an arbitration process that won't likely be settled until well into next year.

Mayor Joe Fontana has said the city simply can't afford hiked-up salaries for first-responders, and he's beseeched the union to be reasonable in its contract demands.

But comparably speaking, the firefighters' demands are more reasonable than many may think. A first-class London firefighter earns $80,809 a year. That's more than the average Londoner made last year, but less than firefighters in a number of other municipalities.

Toronto firefighters, for example, will see the average salary for a first-class firefighter rise to $90,000 in 2014 from $87,000 this year.

Toronto not a fair comparison?

Waterloo smoke eaters made $83,000 in 2011 and are in arbitration with the city. If they get what they want, a first-class firefighter there will make more than $90,000 next year.

It goes on.

Hamilton and Guelph firefighters earned more than $85,000 last year. The tiny Ontario city of Scugog paid its three full-time firefighters and one fire-prevention officer $80,000 in 2012 after an arbitrator awarded them a 26.7 per cent increase. Not far away, Whitechurch/Stouffville doled out $85,200 to its 24 firefighters in 2012.

Ann Frost, a professor at Western University's Richard Ivey School of Business, said arbitrators take many factors into account, some of which may explain the wage discrepancies.

"Oftentimes, the arbitrator will have a formula that he or she uses, and cost of living is part of that," she said. "One of my arguments for why maybe London is paid less is because our cost of living — especially housing prices — seem lower than Toronto or Waterloo or Hamilton in those larger GTA centres."

On the other hand, if those factors are taken out of the equation, London firefighters are pretty equal to those in other cities.

"They're doing the same work, they have the same dangers, they have the same training, they have the same skill," Frost said.

Firefighter salaries

How they rank (all salaries are for what's considered a first-class firefighter):

- **Toronto:** $87,000
- **Hamilton:** $85,619
- **Guelph:** $85,582
- **Whitchurch/Stouffville:** $85,200
- **Waterloo:** $83,000
- **London:** $80,809
- **Scugog:** $80,440

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Egyptian military armoured vehicles stand guard at a checkpoint on the edge of Tahrir Square on Aug. 16, the day London doctor Tarek Loubani was jailed in Cairo. ED GILES/GETTY IMAGES

Jailed London doc's release snarled

Cairo. Egyptian prosecutor a no-show for planned court appearance

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A flicker of hope for a London doctor and Toronto filmmaker jailed in Cairo was snuffed out Thursday when a prosecutor didn't show up for a planned court appearance.

Justin Podur, a friend and supporter of Dr. Tarek Loubani and John Greyson, wrote on his blog that lawyers for the men waited the entire day for the prosecutor to arrive only to be left empty-handed. The men's supporters had hoped they would be freed after the hearing.

"Tremendously disappointing, and very frustrating for all of us," Dr. Amit Shah, Loubani's friend and colleague, said in an email to Metro. "Very hard to comprehend why the Egyptian prosecutor would behave in such a fashion."

Loubani, an emergency room physician who is also an assistant professor at Western University, and Greyson, a London native, were arrested Aug. 16 and held for days before any accusations were levelled.

Tarek Loubani
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Since then, they've been tied to a group that includes five other men accused of planning an attack on a police station and of being heavily armed. Their supporters were shocked when the accusations spread. Many of Loubani's friends and family described him as a humanitarian who has risked his life on several occasions to help others.

Podur wrote Thursday that he doesn't know what will come next.

"Tarek and John remain in prison. No word has come about rescheduling their appearance before the prosecutor. No other hearings took place, including for other prisoners who were up for their appearances before the prosecutor," Podur said. "We do not yet know if the detention order is being extended and have not heard news concerning the next scheduled appearance."

It's believed the men are still in good health, but the longer they remain behind bars, the more concerned friends and family become.

Shine The Light. Campaign spreading across the province

A purple light is shining across Ontario, thanks to the London Abused Women's Centre.

The centre's Shine The Light campaign — designed to raise awareness about abuse of women — is spreading.

The campaign, marked by the colour purple to represent courage, started here in 2010. This year, it's been picked up by 10 other communities in Ontario, including Toronto and Niagara Falls.

Shine The Light takes place every November to coincide with the province's own awareness month.

"Word has spread so quickly and over the last few months we've been contacted by so many women's organizations from all across Ontario, asking if they can adopt the campaign," said LAWC special events co-ordinator Fabienne Haller.

She feels "elated," she said.

"It's just so wonderful that people are excited about helping," Haller said. "It gives me so much hope that we can make a change with the help of men and women."

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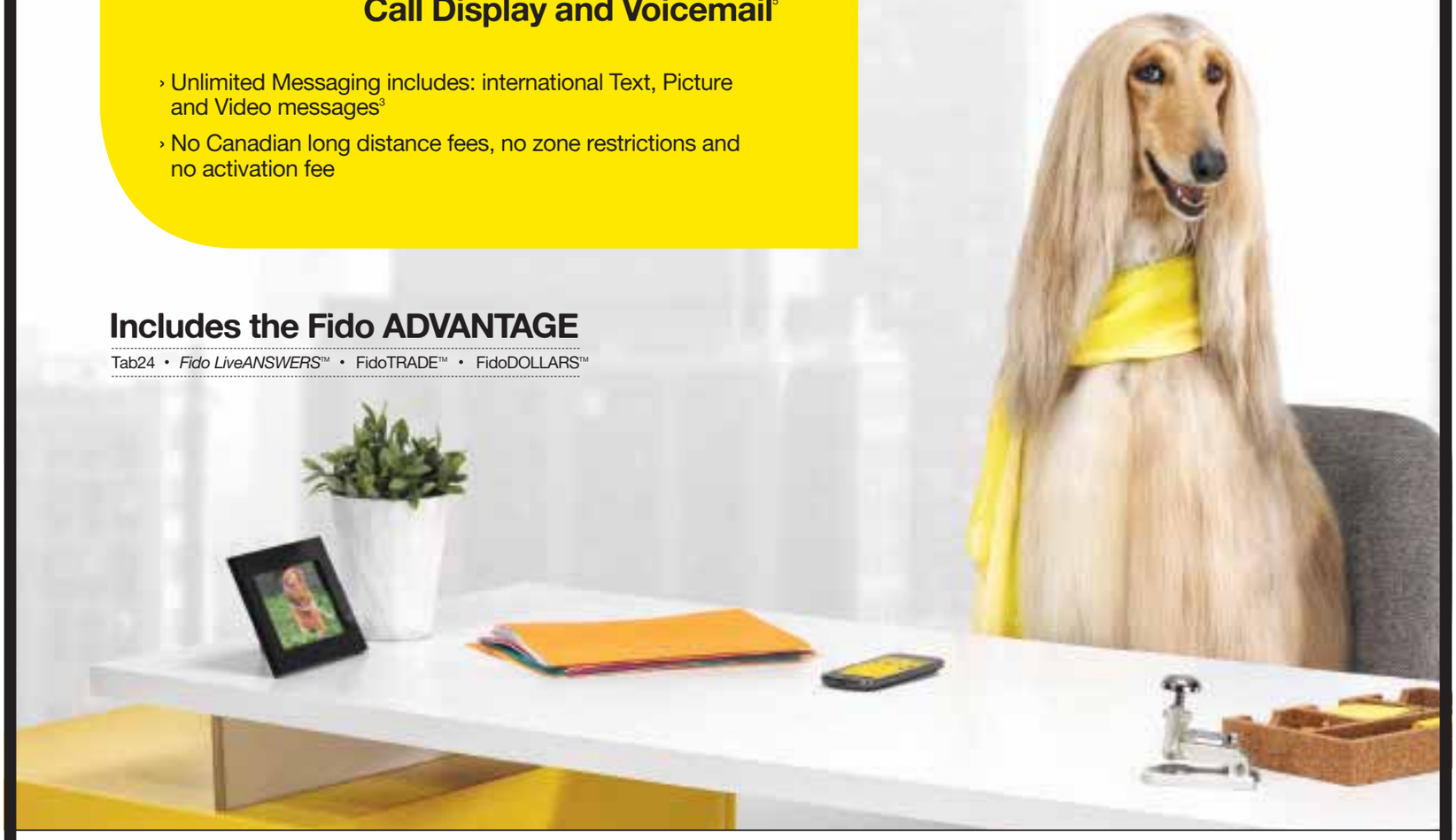

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An explosion of pink. Legally Blonde musical to light up downtown

Downtown London's pretty busy at the best of times, but lunchtime Thursday was something else.

Dozens of high school students sang and danced through the streets to promote The Grand Theatre show Legally Blonde.

There was pink everywhere as they enthusiastically handed out flyers between the theatre and Covent Garden Market, where they stopped to make sure they drew plenty of attention.

Susan Ferley, artistic director at the Grand and director of the musical, was grinning as she asked the young cast members to stop screaming so much, but it was all in good fun.

"It's the last day of rehearsal before they head back to school, so we thought we'd get back out into the community and spread the word," she said.

"A lot of people know the movie Legally Blonde but they don't know the musical, so it's great to get out and let them know about it."

MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

High school musical

Legally Blonde is this year's selection for The Grand Theatre's annual High School Project, an initiative that puts the best of the best talent from area secondary schools on the stage.

- The show runs Sept. 17-28. Visit grandtheatre.com for tickets.

Fancy. Rumour has it Reba's coming to town

There's something a little "fancy" coming to Budweiser Gardens.

That's right, the artist known as Reba — Reba McEntire, if you want to get formal — will take over the downtown arena Oct. 26.

Selling over 56 million albums worldwide and with 15 American Music Awards to her credit, Reba has several Ontario stops planned on the Canadian leg of her tour.

Before coming to London, her show will be in Oshawa and Sudbury.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Sept. 6. Check budweisergardens.com for details.

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Country music artist and actress Reba McEntire attends the 46th annual CMA Awards at Bridgestone Arena in November. JASON KEMPIN/GETTY IMAGES

City to crack down on electric bikes

Get a handle on two-wheelers. Staff to ask councillors to ban some e-bikes from walking paths, parks

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They zip around the city quietly, but they're causing a lot of noise.

E-bikes are relatively cheap to buy, and you don't need a licence or insurance to ride one. The electric rides have a motor but, legally, they're no different from bicycles.

Now the city is planning to ban at least some of them from bike paths and parks, said Bill Coxhead, managing director of parks and recreation.

"There are no rules," he said. "That's the problem.

"We've been silently waiting for other levels of government to do something. They didn't.

"We've had a growing group of folks phoning regularly, saying 'What are the rules?'"

So far, Coxhead said, no one has been hurt in an e-bike-pedestrian collision. But there have been "close calls" reported with the bikes, which weigh up to 200 pounds.

"The idea is to have (regulations) before there's a catastrophe," he added.

The city plans to split e-bikes into two categories: The heavier type that look like scooters, and the ones that are bicycles with motors attached.

City staff will ask councillors to ban the heavier e-bikes in parks and on walking paths, but to allow the lighter, bicycle-style ones.

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In defence of ...

Standing up for e-bikes

Matt Long, of the store e-Ride, says e-bikes are safer than bicycles because they have lights and horns.

They're an easy way of commuting, he says, and, with electric motors, they're better for the environment than cars.

Long says accident injuries are caused by speed, not weight, but the only weight difference between the two types of bikes comes from mouldings with lights. Each is limited to a 500-watt battery and 32 clicks per hour.

He thinks they are viewed unfairly.

"People should embrace these bikes," he said. "They're here to stay."

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When is an e-bike not an e-bike? Matt Long of e-Ride, a specialty store on Wellington Street, is pictured with two types of e-bikes. The one on the left is "scooter style" and the other is a bicycle with a motor.

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Lianna McDonald, executive director of the Canadian Centre for Child Protection, left, and Justice Minister Peter MacKay look on as Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks in Toronto on Thursday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

PM proposes to get tough on child sex offences

Harsher penalties. Tories to introduce legislation aimed at keeping those who sexually exploit kids in prison longer

Child sex offenders, particularly those who victimize several kids, could spend longer in prison under a range of harsher penalties proposed Thursday by the prime minister.

The Conservative government plans to introduce legislation this fall aimed at cracking down on people who sexually exploit children, Stephen Harper announced.

"Sadly, there are truly evil people out there. The fact is we don't understand them and we don't particularly care to. We understand only that they must be dealt with," Harper said at an event in Toronto.

"To protect our children we must create a justice system that is more responsive to victims and especially more responsive to children and to the families of children who have been victimized by sexual predators."

A main plank of the proposed amendments would see people convicted of more than one such offence serve their sentences consecutively, rather than the current system in which sentences are served concurrently.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"Sadly, there are truly evil people out there.... we don't understand them and we don't particularly care to."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Harper: 'Do I seem like I smoke marijuana?'

Justin Trudeau has done it. So have premiers Kathleen Wynne and Darrell Dexter.

And Toronto Mayor Rob Ford says he's smoked pot.

Almost everyone on the political scene seems to have tried it, except for Stephen Harper.

The prime minister chuckled during a media scrum on Thursday when asked if he, too, is part of the parade of politicians who have come out recently to concede they've smoked marijuana.

He took the opportunity to hammer Trudeau and the federal Liberals on the issue, accusing them of promoting pot use among children at the expense of developing an economic policy.

"Do I seem like I smoke marijuana?" Harper asked in response to a reporter's question.

Harper said his asthma precluded smoking. "From a very young age, I have been an asthmatic and smoking anything has been out of the question since the time I was very small," he said.

A cavalcade of cannabis confessions was prompted by Justin Trudeau's admission last week that he's smoked pot in the past. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The cavalcade of cannabis confessions was prompted by Trudeau's admission last week that he's smoked pot in the past, at least once since becoming an MP.

Chronic politics

Ontario's premier and Toronto's mayor also recently confessed that they have smoked marijuana.

- Premier Kathleen Wynne came clean about puffing pot "very, very infrequently" and stopping 35 years ago.
- Toronto Mayor Rob Ford Ford said, "Oh yeah, I won't deny that. I smoked a lot of it."

Harper repeated his earlier criticism of Trudeau, saying the Liberal leader "displayed poor judgment" with his marijuana use.

"I look at the contrast with him promoting marijuana use for our children versus saying yesterday he will have no economic policy for several years," Harper said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canucks in space?

Almost 7,000 Canadians want to live on Mars

A project that aims to put people on Mars in 10 years has fallen short of the expected number of Martian wannabes, but there is no shortage of Canadians willing to live on the red planet.

With the Aug. 31 deadline almost here, nearly 7,000 Canucks have applied to join Mars One — a $6-billion project that plans to establish a colony on Mars by 2023. THE CANADIAN PRESS

British Columbia

Raid uncovers nearly 200 guns

Police have seized nearly 200 guns in a remote area of B.C., arresting a man who investigators allege was purchasing weapons legally and then selling them to the highest bidder.

The province's Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit announced the seizure Thursday, almost a week after raiding the home of a man in Tatla Lake, more than 300 kilometres north of Vancouver.

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Winnipeg

Alligator removed from home

An alligator was found at a home in Winnipeg. CITY OF WINNIPEG

An alligator was removed from a Winnipeg home on Wednesday.

Police and Animal Services officials received a tip about the two-foot-long reptile. Animal Services is working to find a home for the alligator at a zoo.

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- **Lookouts.** One crew member, communicating with their supervisor, watches the fire from an advantageous position and constantly keeps an eye out for sudden changes that could endanger firefighters on the ground.
- **Anchor points.** A location protected from fire spread from which to start building a fire break or line. Prevents a fire from spreading beyond that point.
- **Communications.** A team must keep in constant communication so crews can concentrate on their job and identify hazards before it's too late.
- **Escape routes.** Predetermined routes that can be used to get crews to safety in case a fire becomes a danger to the team.
- **Safety zones.** Creating cleared, open zones within the site where crews can take refuge from danger.

Source: Canadian Forest Service

Tools to tame wildfires

1 Chainsaw. Clearing hazards

Used for clearing fuel from sites and clearing hazards from a forest fire.

2 Hoses & pumps. Prevention

After a water source is found, crews wet areas to prevent the spread of fire and then move in on the fire.

3 Shovel. Firebreaks

Used for constructing firebreaks, digging hose lines, trenches and barriers.

4 Pulaski. The go-to tool

Used to construct firebreaks. It can be used as an axe for cutting and also to dig soil.

5 Drip torches. Controlled burn

Used to start small, controlled fires to burn up any fuel before a wildfire gets to that area.

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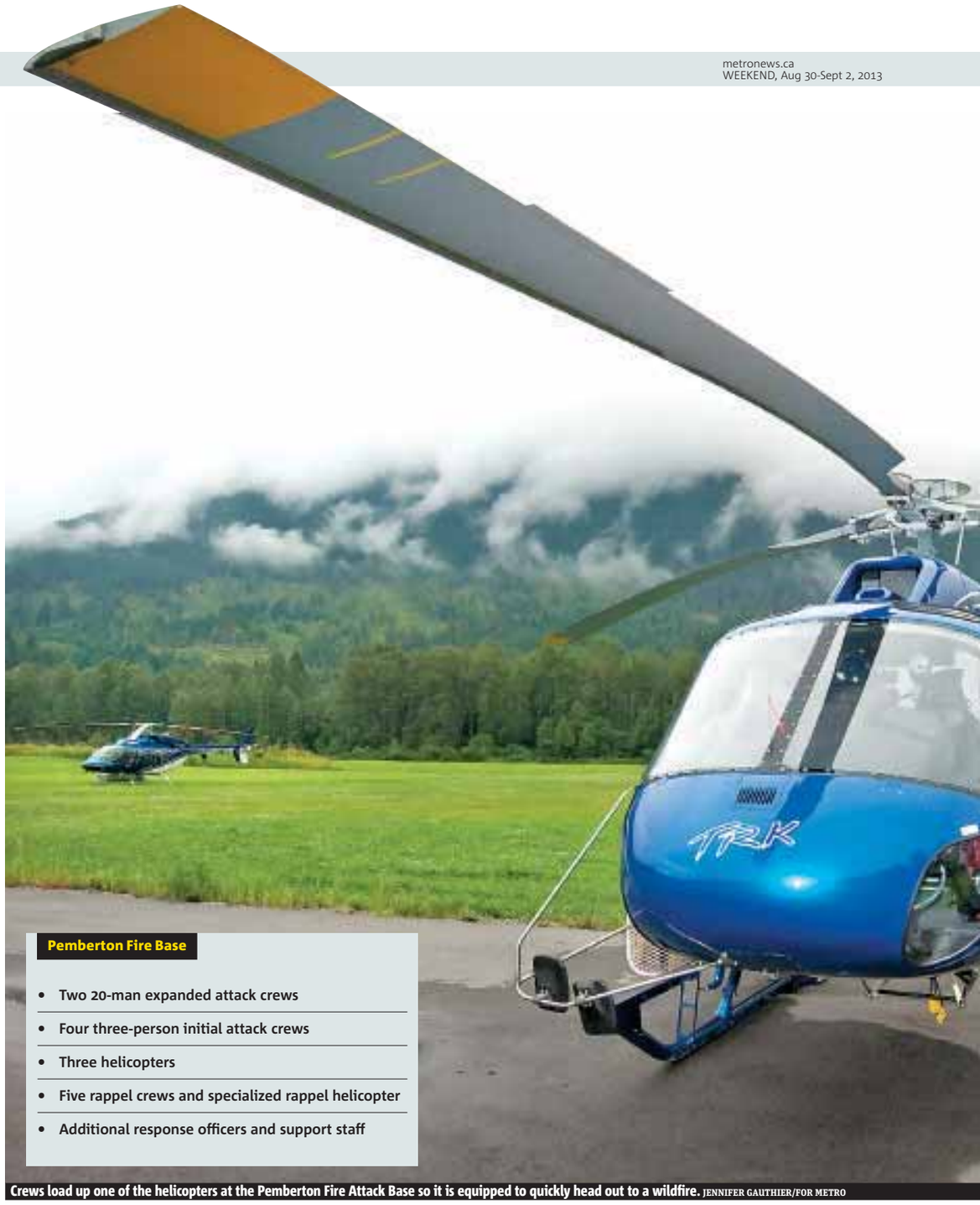

Pemberton Fire Base

- Two 20-man expanded attack crews
- Four three-person initial attack crews
- Three helicopters
- Five rappel crews and specialized rappel helicopter
- Additional response officers and support staff

Crews load up one of the helicopters at the Pemberton Fire Attack Base so it is equipped to quickly head out to a wildfire. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Heatseekers. Well-trained wildfire crews ready to attack forests smouldering for a fight

MATT KIELTYKA
Metro in Vancouver

Red flash after red flash lit up a real-time map of British Columbia as reports came in.

A record dry-spell in July meant that on Aug. 2, most of the province was under an "extreme" wildfire danger rating.

People in the outdoors weren't allowed any open flame or campfires and already-frowned-upon behaviour — such as casually flicking a cigarette — was now criminal.

But on this day, Mother Nature was the one doing the damage. A hundred new wildfires were recorded as the first storm system in more than a month swept through southern B.C., its flashes of lightning igniting the parched, tinder-dry forests overnight.

The Heatseekers Unit of Pemberton's Fire Attack Base — located just north of Whistler in the province's Coastal Fire Centre — had preloaded one of its three helicopters stationed at the base.

Armed with axes, shovels, chainsaws and hoses, the 20-man unit was ready to rush into nature's inferno at a moment's notice.

Just not at this particular moment.

While crews were attacking fires throughout the province, the remnants of the previous night's storm made it impossible for Pemberton units to get clearance to fly in the morning, with the imposing Mount Currie next to the airfield completely obscured by the cloud cover.

"There's a lot of anticipation in fire season. Sometimes the hardest part is not being on fires," says Heatseekers unit supervisor Joe Lax, 34, whose flat-brimmed baseball cap and youthful appearance mask years of extensive wildfire experience.

It's only the hardest part if you don't think too much about the long days covered in dirt while working furiously with heavy equipment to contain a hellish blaze as it spreads from one treetop to another overhead. It's not a job for the easily intimidated, or for those afraid to get dirt under their fingernails (and just about everywhere else).

"There's a bit of glory to it, but most times it's just getting dirty. It's not easy on the body," says Lax. "We are in there for the long haul, start to finish.

"Sometimes we go in there and establish hose lays, we do a lot of burn-off with drip torches to mitigate the fuel between us and the fire. We do line locate for heavy machinery to build guard around bigger fires and go right down to mop-up, where we use pulaskis and dig up smoldering debris on the ground and put it out."

Given the job description, it's no wonder the majority of the red shirts toiling away at Pemberton Fire Attack Base seem to be extremely fit outdoorsmen and women in their 20s and 30s.

They're full on energy, jokes

SOME LIKE IT HOT

A helicopter starts a controlled burn behind an evacuated home in an attempt to reduce the amount of fuel for a wildfire burning on Mount McLean in Lillooet, B.C., in this 2009 photo. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Think you've got what it takes to go to blazes?

Have you got enough fire in your belly to become a wildland firefighter?

You're going to need a lot more than that.

It's one of the toughest, meanest, most dangerous jobs in the country, so the people who take it on have to be the very best.

The test for qualifying as a wildland firefighter has the snappy title of the Canadian Physical Performance Exchange Standard. It's shortened to the code WFX-FIT and that translates into one word: Sweat.

"It's no picnic," is the very direct warning in the Ministry of Natural Resources guide to qualifying. One training company's guide sums it up: "The job is the test and the test is the job." It's all based on the real world and the real world is tough.

WFX-FIT

- Carry pump on back: 160 metres including ramp eight times
- Hand carry pump: 80 metres
- Hose pack lift and carry on back: 1km, including ramp 50 times
- Charged hose advance: 80 metres

It takes mettle to do this: A parattack firefighter from the Prince George Fire Centre comes in for a landing after leaping from a specialized DC-3 aircraft. COURTESY B.C. WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT BRANCH

On the web

Go to metronews.ca for more on Canada's extreme firefighters:

- **Photos.** See a gallery of the Pemberton Fire Attack Base crew at work
- **Read.** Pine beetle threat extends east
- **Map.** A look at wildland firefighter crews across Canada
- **Timeline.** An interactive look at some of the world's worst forest fires

Here's the challenge:

After passing a stringent medical before they can even try out, candidates take on a 40-metre circuit at one of six training centres in Northern Ontario.

First they do it with a 28.5 kg pump on their back — four times around the 40 metres, including a steep ramp each time. Then they repeat it twice with the pump in their arms. Then they grab a 25 kg pack with hoses and carry it for a kilometre. Yes, a kilometre, plus the ramp every 20 metres. That means 50 hills to conquer.

Then it gets really tough.

The would-be firefighter drags an 80 kg sled for two 40-metre laps, to simulate dragging a hose towards a fire.

Think you could do it?

Well, there's a catch: You only have 17 minutes and 15 seconds to do it or, to meet the standard for transfers between provinces, 14 minutes and 30 seconds. Ouch.

Still standing?

We'd like to shake your hand.

MIKE DONACHIE/METRO IN LONDON

and a dash of bravado at home base — the last of which goes out the window as soon as they arrive on the doorstep of a raging wildfire.

It's all about safety (first and foremost), structure and professionalism.

"There's a huge sense of responsibility," says Lax. "You're working within the public trust. There's always excitement when you fly in to a fire for the first time but your headspace has to be all about having a plan and working together. For most guys, they just want to get out there and go to work. Fear doesn't enter into it."

Listening to Heatseekers describe running headfirst into a wildfire is less Hollywood and more tax audit: Technical, serious and, surprisingly, a bit dull.

A wildfire may seem like pure chaos to the untrained soul, but every crew member that attacks one has a highly detailed game plan before they ever set out on a call.

They're in constant communication and each firefighter knows the nature of the fire, the weather and wind conditions, what the topography is and where exits are if things ever get unmanageable.

Wildfire co-ordination officers Toni Large and Rob Dombrowsky — the elder statesmen on base — make sure of it.

The two run the daily briefings and set up the plans for crews heading into the wild.

As the ones responsible for their crew's safety, they were hit as hard as anyone when news broke that 19 members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots in Arizona (the American equivalent of the Heatseekers) died after being entrapped by a wildfire June 30.

"We have 20-person crews. We know every one of these people. We lunch with them, we talk, we have interpersonal relationships with all of them. To have something like that happen … our hearts go out to all of them; it's a terrible thing," says Dombrowsky.

The disaster sparked a province-wide safety review.

"We had a safety meeting with our supervisors to discuss LACES (see sidebar) and fatigue management," says Large. "It was an opportunity for us to remind ourselves of the safety program. Responder safety is first. We have procedures in place for a reason, to avoid that kind of entrapment."

"They have to come home at the end of the day," adds Dombrowsky.

Britain opts out of involvement in military action against Syria

Stunning vote. With Britain out, following a vote by Parliament, the U.S. may still go it alone

An Israeli soldier directs a tank at the border between the Golan Heights and Syria. BERNAT ARMANGUE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Barack Obama on Thursday prepared for the possibility of launching unilateral American military action against Syria within days as Britain opted out in a stunning vote by Parliament.

Facing skepticism at home, too, the administration shared intelligence with lawmakers aimed at convincing them the Syrian government used chemical weapons against its people and must be punished.

Despite roadblocks in forming an international coalition, Obama appeared undeterred and advisers said he would be willing to retaliate against Syria on his own.

"The president of the United States is elected with the duty to protect the national security interests in the United States of America," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said.

Even before the vote in London, the U.S. was preparing to act without formal authorization from the UN. Prime Minister David Cameron argued a military strike would be legal, but he faced deep pressure from lawmakers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On military intervention...

Canada is 'reluctant convert': PM

Stephen Harper

Canada has no plans for a military intervention in Syria but supports its allies who are contemplating forceful action against that country's regime, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday.

Harper admitted that lack of international action in light of the apparent use of chemical weapons would set an "extremely dangerous precedent," but added his government has been reluctant on the idea of a western strike.

"Our government has been a very reluctant convert to the idea that there needs to be some western military action regarding the Syrian situation," he said Thursday in Toronto.

"At the present time the government of Canada has no plans, we have no plans of our own to have a Canadian military mission."

Harper said the conflict in Syria is "sectarian in nature" and doesn't appear to have any "ideal or obvious outcomes" for a solution.

He added that Canada stands behind other powers weighing the possibility of a mission. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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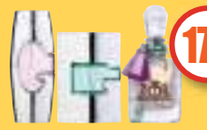

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Did dictator have ex-lover executed?

North Korea. High-profile singer, allegedly part of Kim dynasty's notorious 'Joy Squad,' turns up dead

KIERON MONKS
Metro World News in London

Twelve people were reportedly executed in North Korea this month on pornography charges. Among them was high-profile singer Hyon Song-wol, a rumoured former lover of the Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un, with many observers suggesting she paid the ultimate price for causing embarrassment.

Her case is typical of a culture of sleaze surrounding the leader, North Korean sources told Metro. "Kim Jong-un met and fell in love with Ms. Hyon at a 'Joy Squad' party," a former regime official from Pyongyang said. "She accompanied Kim Jong-un on his business trips to rural areas to spend romantic time alone."

The affair did not last long and the leader now has two "official" women, the insider said, despite the recent birth of a son by Ri Sol-ju, a musician with whom Kim has been able to cultivate a modern image. The source said Ri suffers from jealousy, and described a recent party in which she threw a glass at Kim.

The "Joy Squad" is a notorious institution that is part of the Kim family dynasty. "They were royal palaces full of masseurs, dancers, musicians, prostitutes and exotic foreign imports," Jasper Beckett, North Korea expert and author of Rogue Regime, told Metro.

"It's very likely that Kim Jong-un has continued like his father, who had numerous wives and mistresses. His grandfather would drive around town and pick up any woman he wanted — you could have a hierarchy of wife, official mistress, mistress," Beckett said.

He goes on to add that previous flings have been exiled or worse.

Hyon Song-wol in a still from a music video. YOUTUBE

New Afghan troops graduate as Taliban escalate attacks

New Afghan army recruits stand in formation during a graduation ceremony at the Afghan National Army base on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan. Taliban insurgents staged an evening mountain-pass ambush on an Afghan police convoy patrolling a key highway, killing 15 officers and wounding 10 in western Afghanistan's Farah province, a provincial official said on Thursday, the latest in a string of escalating insurgent attacks around the country.

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Constitution. Hungary to recognize religious groups

Hungary is proposing new amendments to the country's constitution to avoid giving critics further grounds for criticism, the government said on Thursday.

Robert Repassy, state secretary at the Justice Ministry, said the draft of the constitution's fifth amendment presented in June is being fine-tuned and will include new rules on the recognition of religious groups and modify a ban on political advertisements on commercial television and radio stations.

Repassy said the government felt it was being forced into having to adopt the changes to the Basic Law, as the new constitution has been called in Hungary since taking effect in 2012.

Criticism

The EU, the U.S. and international rights watchdogs have criticized Hungary's legislation on the homeless, churches and the justice system.

Despite the announcement, analysts said the government wasn't really giving much ground.

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Rape. Victim's mother rejects judge's apology

The mother of a teenage rape victim said Thursday that a judge is "just covering his butt" after he apologized for saying her 14-year-old daughter who eventually killed herself was "older than her chronological age."

Auliea Hanlon said District Judge G. Todd Baugh's apology was "irrelevant" because he has stood by the 30-day prison sentence given to rapist and former teacher Stacey Rambold.

Her daughter, Cherice Moralez, killed herself before Rambold's case came to trial.

A rally Thursday packed the Yellowstone County Courthouse lawn with hundreds of people, many carrying signs such as "Justice for Cherice" and "14 is 14."

District Judge G. Todd Baugh
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Can I have a raise with that?

Customers in search of burgers and fries in the U.S. ran into striking workers instead on Thursday. Organizers say thousands of fast-food workers staged walkouts in dozens of cities, part of a push to get chains such as McDonald's, Taco Bell and Wendy's to pay workers higher wages. It was expected be the largest nationwide strike by fast-food workers, according to organizers. DAVID COATES/DETROIT NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Netflix makes users guinea pigs

HIPPOs out, guineas in. Video-streaming service tests its ideas on viewers, whether they realize it or not

Want to be a guinea pig for Netflix, get early access to new features, and help shape how the video streaming service grows and evolves?

If you're a relatively new subscriber, you may already be a beta tester. Or perhaps you used to be.

At any given time Netflix is conducting hundreds of tests across its website and other platforms. Some are based on bold new ideas and are immediately obvious to its test subjects, while others are being run invisibly beneath the user interface.

Users who have been with Netflix since the company launched in Canada in September 2010 aren't likely to be in on the testing, but newer members almost certainly are, whether they realize it or not, said Netflix's chief product officer Neil Hunt.

"One of our limited resources is users to try out new ideas, so I would say it's the unusual individual who doesn't end up in some kind of test at some point," said Hunt.

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Stats vs. top brass

- Netflix relies on the statistics generated by user tests to inform its decisions, chief product officer Neil Hunt said, rather than following the so-called "HIPPO" philosophy.
- That acronym stands for "highest paid person's opinion" and refers to an organization's preference to make top-down decisions.

Facing lawsuits, pressure

Tylenol to carry risk-warning label

Bottles of Tylenol sold in the U.S. will soon bear red warnings alerting users to the potentially fatal risks of taking too much of the popular pain reliever. The unusual step, disclosed by the company that makes Tylenol, comes amid a growing number of lawsuits and pressure from the federal government that could have widespread ramifications for a medicine taken by millions of people every day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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12,704.73 (+97.51)

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$108.80 US (-$1.30)

GOLD
$1,412.90 US (-$5.90)

Natural gas: $3.62 (+3.6)
Dow Jones: 14,840.95 (+ 16.44)

The Brick. Former owner ordered to pay $200,000

The former owner of a Canadian furniture retail giant has lost its appeal of a B.C. government order to pay more than $200,000 in penalties associated with The Brick's so-called buy now, pay later program.

The program allows customers to defer the payment of purchases for up to 18 months by signing up for a store card. While customers do not have to pay interest on their purchases, they were charged a service fee to arrange card financing.

A Finance Ministry audit in 2000 found that Quinco Financial, then owner of The Brick, had failed to collect nearly $170,000 in provincial taxes on the service fees, between March 1, 1996 and October 21, 2000. It imposed a penalty of $209,000 which was equivalent to the unpaid taxes plus interest owed.

Quinco Financial paid the penalty but appealed the assessment in 2002, arguing that the service fee is separate from the purchase price and, therefore, exempt from taxes.

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Delays, cancellations. Air Canada, Porter to pay up

The Canadian Transportation Agency has acted to protect airline passengers by ordering Air Canada and Porter Airlines to provide reasonable compensation for disrupting their flight plans.

The regulator said Air Canada, the country's largest carrier, must pay passengers between $200 and $800 cash, or three times that in travel vouchers, if they are involuntarily bumped because of oversold flights.

In a separate decision also issued Thursday, the agency ordered Porter to refund fares paid for cancelled domestic flights and provide compensation for reasonable expenses when flights are delayed. It called the Toronto-based airline's current policies unclear, and said Porter should make "reasonable" efforts to inform passengers of schedule changes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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THE METRO LIST

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1 **Ain't no party like a Québécois Parti.** PQ Leader Pauline Marois says the "Charter of Quebec Values," will reflect "universal" as well as Quebec values and will unify the people. Banning religious headgear in the workplace is just one small step in a brilliant plan to deflecting all existing racial tension toward the greater common threat: Non-francophones.

2 **On the prowl.** Victoria police issued an alert to citizens after reports of a large cougar on the loose. Experts warn the animal could be isolated and irritable. Residents say that it's rare to find a cougar in these parts. You usually have to go to one of those bars out in the suburbs.

3 **Surprise!** Health Canada issued a recall this week for Freya-28, an oral contraceptive being used by thousands of Canadian women, when it was discovered that some packages contained placebos in place of the active pills. Now, there's nothing funny about this except that faulty drugs usually result in the loss of life, whereas these side effects could last a whole lot longer.

4 **Designated driver.** Breaking news on self-driving cars reveal that Google is producing a fleet of "robo-taxis." Terrific news for lovers who want some privacy, and for those who are really drunk, the car is equipped with robotics. Upon reaching your destination, the car will slap you awake, eject you from the seat and dispense harsh verbal judgments.

5 **NASA in a nutshell.** Ice in the Arctic continues to melt while seas in the Middle East shrink. Ideas of redistributing water come up but are far too complex, especially with NASA resources being spent on a study that will allow astronauts to hibernate during their nine-month trip to Mars. I am not making any of this up.

6 **Bait.** Conservationist and shark defender Lesley Rochat swam among the big fish wearing just a bikini. Rochat said she wanted to be as vulnerable as possible, and boasts that she has not been bitten yet. Viral photos of the attractive Rochat have led me to my latest theory: Sharks are gay. She better hope I'm right.

7 **Talk to the hand.** Researchers at the University of Washington have successfully connected two human brains over the Internet. One scientist sent a brain signal to a colleague at a separate location, controlling his hand movement. This is a magnificent scientific breakthrough, but I just know it will eventually become some household toy for boys with which to terrorize their younger siblings.

8 **Blurred lines.** In an attempt to shed her Hannah Montana persona, Miley Cyrus reinvented herself for the VMAs last Sunday. Now, call me old-fashioned, but as much as the classic, teenie-bikini/foam-finger combo screams artistic growth, if I were her, I might have just gone with music lessons.

9 **This week in music.** In 1975, KC and the Sunshine Band scored their first U.S. No. 1 hit with a song that introduced the phrase, "Do a little dance, make a little love, get down tonight." 38 years later, we still get to see grandma act out the lyrics at every wedding and bar mitzvah. Only now, she may actually be dating KC.

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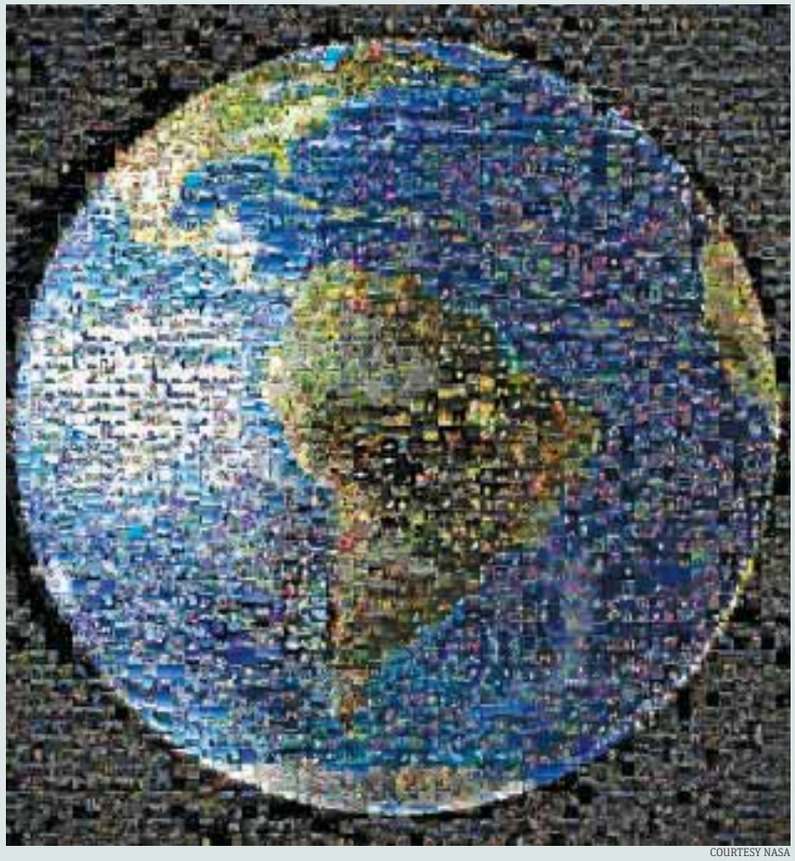
What do you have to send to Saturn?

Smile! A thousand selfies compiled

NASA's Cassini spacecraft has been mapping the Solar System from Saturn, and this was the result when they asked civilians to take part.

Thousands participated in the Wave at Saturn event on July 19, taking selfies of their tributes to the mission. This collage combines the photos they sent as a tribute to the spacecraft's image of Earth. METRO

A close-up of the compilation.



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Down to Earth

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The total number of pictures used in the mosaic. NASA reported that contributions arrived from more than 40 countries and 30 U.S. states.

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Sure, Twitter can be a fine source of news and highly-stylized photos from around the world. But more importantly, it's a rich source of jokes from shockingly sharp minds. Here's three frequently strange and dependably funny accounts.

@abusitron:
Your number one source for jokes about using deer to engineer a McDonald's burger heist or musically-inclined druids using Stonehenge as a stage for cover versions of '90s dance anthems. Bonus points for being a Canadian.

@tastefactory:
Come for the AVI that resembles a photo commemorating a kitten's first day at school, stay for the excellent puns on sepia-toned cultural references.

@crushingbort:
Aside from being hilarious, RTs from this account are a big reason why my following number is too damn high. Sample tweet: "I wonder how many of the people I follow are accounts that have been taken over by funnier muggers."

Twitter

@metropicks asked: The N.S. premier is latest politician to admit to smoking pot. Do you care if elected officials toke?

@Canucklehead_ca: I'm more suspicious of those who claimed they didn't. Statistics don't lie, politicians do. Oh, and pass the chips dude.

@MiaAdinaVida: Everyone does it- don't get why it's such a big deal!- it's 2013, people shouldn't be surprised anymore!

@Alannafawn84: I rather them smoke weed it will only make them want to eat and not steal and maybe have better ideas.

@sleuth_4_truths: I care that they are honest. Maybe if all NS politicians had a pot party this election stuff (#nspoli) would be more civil.

@veryboeing: When it's illegal yes. When it's legal, no. But they will say anything to get your vote.

@WelderAnge: well I'm thinking drug use may explain something... They don't call it dope cause it makes ya smart.

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The iTunes Festival

The iTunes Festival is one of the highlights of the concert season -- and Metro can take you there. If going to jolly old London to party as music superstars like Justin Timberlake, Lady Gaga, Katy Perry and Queens of the Stone Age shake the stage is your idea of heaven, Metro can make that dream come true.

Thirty days of wicked fun kickoff on Sept. 1, with more than 60 artists playing live at the renowned Roundhouse in London. The Roundhouse opened in 1846 with very different beginnings -- a steam engine repair centre. Over the years, it took different paths; eventually becoming what is now a legendary performance hall hosting the likes of Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin and Jimi Hendrix.

Since the iTunes Festival launched in 2007, it has carried on the tradition of stellar performances, bringing in mega stars like Adele, Coldplay and the Foo Fighters. Aside from the artists already mentioned, this year's lineup runs the gamut from Sir Elton John to Kings of Leon, the Lumineers to Chic featuring Nile Rodgers – something for all musical passions.

Experience it Live with the World

Watch performances in real-time with the rest of the world by streaming them in HD quality every day in September at 4 p.m. ET/1 p.m. PT. You can watch on your computer, download the official iTunes Festival app to watch on your iPhone, iPad or iPod touch -- or watch on the big screen through Apple TV. For a limited time after the gig, performances will be available on iTunes on-demand.

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The Lineup

Performances air at 4 p.m. ET/1 p.m. PT on iTunes or the official app. Miss the show? No worries, watch it on demand for a limited time after.

SEPT 1 | Lady Gaga

SEPT 2 | Sigur Rós [OPENER: POLIÇA]

SEPT 3 | The Lumineers [OPENER: Phox]

SEPT 4 | Paramore [OPENER: Fenech-Soler]

SEPT 5 | Rizzle Kicks [OPENER: Eliza Doolittle]

SEPT 6 | Queens of the Stone Age [OPENER: Palma Violets]

SEPT 7 | Phoenix [OPENER: Little Green Cars]

SEPT 8 | Bastille [OPENER: The 1975]

SEPT 9 | Arctic Monkeys [OPENER: Drenge]

SEPT 10 | Jake Bugg [OPENER: Valerie June]

SEPT 11 | Kings of Leon [OPENER: Jimmy Eat World]

SEPT 12 | Elton John [OPENER: Tom Odell]

SEPT 13 | Avicii [OPENER: Henrik B]

SEPT 14 | Chic Featuring Nile Rodgers [OPENER: Janelle Monáe]

SEPT 15 | Vampire Weekend [OPENER: The Olms]

SEPT 16 | Jack Johnson [OPENER: Bahamas]

SEPT 17 | Ludovico Einaudi [OPENER: Agnes Obel]

SEPT 18 | Thirty Seconds To Mars [OPENER: The Family Rain]

SEPT 19 | Kendrick Lamar [OPENER: Schoolboy Q]

SEPT 20 | Primal Scream [OPENER: Skinny Girl Diet]

SEPT 21 | HAIM [OPENER: Gabrielle Aplin. Bipolar Sunshine. Dan Croll]

SEPT 22 | Ellie Goulding [OPENER: Laura Welsh]

SEPT 23 | Jessie J [OPENER: Lawson]

SEPT 24 | Robin Thicke [OPENER: Aloe Blacc]

SEPT 25 | Pixies [OPENER: NO CEREMONY///]

SEPT 26 | Tinie Tempah [OPENER: Naughty Boy]

SEPT 27 | Dizzee Rascal

SEPT 28 | John Legend

SEPT 29 | Justin Timberlake [OPENER: Mikky Ekko]

SEPT 30 | Katy Perry [OPENER: Iggy Azalea. Icona Pop]

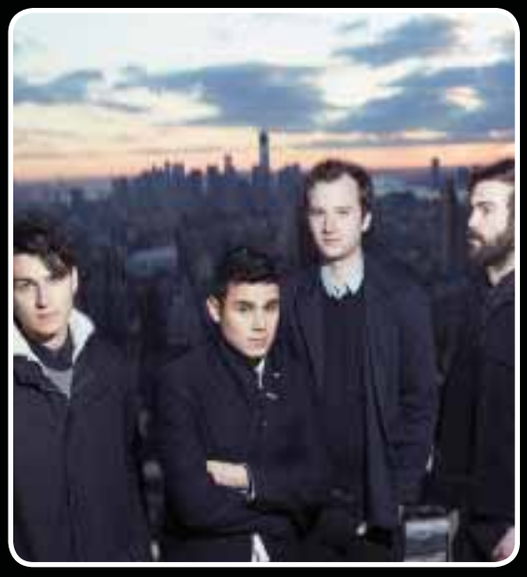
Mother monster to her brood of evangelical fans, Lady Gaga is one of the most dramatic entertainers to hit the world stage in recent years. Starting with a showcase at New York's The Cutting Room in 2006, Gaga has gone on to be an international sensation thanks to albums like The Fame Monster and Born this Way, and her recently released song Applause.

Sealing its longevity with the 2008 hit Use Somebody, King of Leon's has expanded its southern rock sound over the years to become a critical and commercial success. The jewel in Leon's award-winning crown is the collaboration of brothers Nathan, Jared and Caleb Followill with their cousin Matthew. The band's sixth studio album, Mechanical Bull, is slated for release this September.

This sexy R&B crooner known for his controversial "Blurred Lines" is no stranger to the bright lights of Hollywood, having grown up in the spotlight as the son of actor Alan Thicke. Fast forward a few years and the American Music Award nominee is a star in his own right now.

Not even a Suit & Tie can cramp the cred of Justin Timberlake. JT went from clean-cut Disney star to successfully stepping in sync as a boy bander before bringing SexyBack as a solo artist. Add a scene-stealing movie career to the mix and you have the making of a long and lucrative career.

The only artist to spend 69 consecutive weeks in the top ten of Billboards' Hot 100, Katy Perry is a musical force to behold. From the irreverent I Kissed a Girl to the self-empowering Firework, she has earned her placed as one today's most beloved and sought-after performers, with fans eagerly awaiting her new album, Prism.



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Synopsis

Former race-car driver Brent Magna (Ethan Hawke) comes home to find his apartment trashed and his wife gone. As he tries to wrap his head around what happened, a cellphone rings. A mysterious voice directs him to a car park where he is to steal a souped-up Shelby Super Snake car and perform a number of duties or his wife will be killed. Complicating matters is The Kid (Selena Gomez), a rich kid who comes along for the ride.

- Richard: ●○○○○
- Mark: ●●○○○

Ethan Hawke may regret making this movie, but it will be the woeful acting of Selena Gomez that Getaway will be remembered for. CONTRIBUTED

Make quick Getaway from this cinematic car crash

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Abysmal auto movie. In this dire high-speed kidnapping tale Hawke tries his best but he is weighed down by the 'performance' of teen songstress Gomez

Richard: Mark, the movie starts promisingly with a five-minute sequence. It effectively sets up the story in true cinematic fashion — show me, don't tell me — but then quickly becomes what we call in the film criticism business a S.D.M. (Silly Damn Movie). OK, I made that last part up, but I couldn't really think of any other category to place this movie under. Maybe E.S.D.M. (Extremely Silly Damn Movie). What do you think? Is it just a mindless popcorn movie or is it just mindless?

Mark: Richard, did you miss the trenchant political allegory about late-period capitalism? Well, me too. But if it's car crashes you're after, look no further. I liked the set-up of this movie, enough so that I was interested in it to the halfway mark. And then, there were... more car crashes. And because the movie takes place in Bulgaria, the cars that were crashed were kind of small and cheap. To get me excited about car crashes, I need to see some totalled Beemers and Mercs in flames. Quantity is not quality. Anyway, the real car crash here is the unbelievable relationship between Ethan Hawke and Selena Gomez.

RC: Hawke does the job, I doubt he'll ever think about this movie again once the cheque clears. But Gomez? Let's just say it's quite possible she is even more annoying as an actress than she is as a singer. Her "performance" consists of pouting, grimacing and saying things like, "I'm totally screwed." If you want to know what she's like without paying to see the movie, go to any mall on a Saturday and eavesdrop at any American Apparel store.

MB: Hawke is my favourite actor of the '90s generation. But doesn't Ryan Gosling have some kind of a deal to play every race-car driver with an existential dilemma? And there are almost no other actors in the film — just some shots of chins on cellphones. So Gomez is onscreen almost all the time, crowding the action with her annoying baby fat. By the way, whoever heard of a Bulgarian merchant bank?

RC: Bulgarians, that's who. If the movie had lived up to the promise of the scene, it might have been a fun ride, but it runs out of gas after the first five minutes.

MB: And yet, I found it had some kind of cheap kinetic energy that I couldn't completely write off. Or maybe I could, if I used a Bulgarian accountant.

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Bye, bye summer blockbusters

Vin Diesel is back in another Riddick movie this fall. CONTRIBUTED

Fall preview. It's back to school time, the weather is getting cooler and the leaves are turning — what better time to hide out in a movie theatre?

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

Riddick (Sept. 6)

What: Vin Diesel wasn't yet a star like he is now when 2000's lean Pitch Black came out, and was stuck in a valley during the bloated 2004 spin-off The Chronicles of Riddick. Now that he's back — or at least back in a franchise he once tried to abandon — all's good, presumably.

Why: Series director David Twohy has long been making genre films, and as of The Perfect Getaway has finally gotten good at them. That this runs less than two hours is a good sign.

Why not: Sorry, but Pitch Black is just so-so. And headline writers have at least three ways to make puns out of the name (Worthy of 'Riddick'-ule — you can have that one). This also features a character named Lord Siberius Vaako.

Will get an Oscar for: Best animation of the clearly tired and aging Vin Diesel

The Family (Sept. 13)

What: Eurotrash auteur Luc Besson (The Fifth Element, Taken) sucks up Robert De Niro, Michelle Pfeiffer and Tommy Lee Jones (plus executive producer Martin Scorsese) into his orbit. The first two play parents in a family hiding from a mob boss they snitched on.

Why: Besson is probably the last person with big money making genuinely insane blockbusters.

Why not: Besson's movies are stupid. Sometimes this isn't a good thing.

Insidious 2 (Sept. 13)

What: The second horror film from Saw's James Wan starring Patrick Wilson in two months — after The Conjuring — is a sequel to another Wan-Wilson hit from 2009, one concerning an evil spirit that is (get this) insidious.

Why: Wan — soon of Fast & Furious 7, or however it will be titled — is getting better and better at old school frights.

Why not: There are no such things as ghosts and movies like this keep people, even smart people, thinking there are.

What to watch in October:

Gravity promises to be 3D-licious. CONTRIBUTED

- **Gravity (Oct 4).** Alfonso Cuaron finally follows up 2006's Children of Men with this 3D extravaganza about the plight of two astronauts (George Clooney and Sandra Bullock) dancing around outside Earth's orbit — and literally no one else.
- **Runner Runner (Oct 4).** Justin Timberlake plays a student who loses all his money on online poker and decides to double down on stupidity by confronting the guy who runs it (Ben Affleck).
- **Captain Phillips (Oct 11).** Earlier this year, adventurous audiences got the Danish A Hijacking, concerning a ship overtaken by Somali pirates. Here's the big budgeted American edition (albeit not a remake), starring Tom Hanks as real-life abductee Richard Phillips.
- **Machete Kills (Oct 11).** The first Machete — with Danny Trejo as an ex-Federali vigilante slicing up racists — wasn't such a hit. But after Kick-Ass, why let limp box offices halt a sequel, particularly one with Lady Gaga and off-screen racist Mel Gibson?
- **12 Years a Slave (Oct 18).** Avant-garde artist Steve McQueen (as opposed to the late superstar) goes big with this adaptation of the memoir of Solomon Northup (played by Chiwetel Ejiofor), a freed slave sold back into slavery.
- **Carrie (Oct 18).** The Stephen King classic, already immortalized by Brian De Palma in 1976, gets yet another update, this time with Chloe Grace Moretz and Julianne Moore as her crazy religious mom.

Drama

One Direction: This Is Us

Director. Morgan Spurlock

Stars. One Direction

One Direction fans will flock to this film no matter what, but for the dozen others considering watching it: don't! Yes, the cheeky Brits offer a few laughs backstage and the (very) brief interviews with their families are heartwarming, but the bulk of this doc is One Direction on stage and, frankly, they put on a boring show. The lads tell us they're not your typical boy band (they don't dance, you see), but without the choreographed routines you're left just listening to the music — and, if you're not already a fan, their concert won't persuade you. **REGAN REID**

Action/Biography

The Grandmaster

Director. Wong Kar-Wai

Stars. Tony Leung, Zhang Ziyi

The life of the legendary Chinese martial-arts master Ip Man gets an appropriately mythical treatment in The Grandmaster, the comeback film from Hong Kong auteur Wong Kar-Wai. Working in the same fluid, lyrical style as his early masterpieces, Wong bends the conventions of the martial-arts genre to create an unusual sort of historical epic — one in which a country's long-standing social and cultural divisions become physicalized via depictions of hand-to-hand combat. The film seems to have been chopped up in the editing room, but it still has grandeur. **ADAM NAYMAN**

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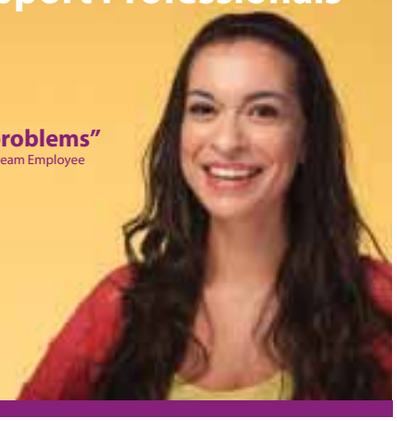

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MMMBop? Hanson singing a new Anthem

Interview. Isaac from Hanson talks about what it was like growing up in the industry and making a band work

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News in London

On hearing the name Hanson, most people will peppily reply by humming a quick chorus of MMMBop. But there's more to the band of brothers — Isaac, Taylor and Zac — than long flowing locks and that hit released back in 1997.

A lot's changed for Hanson since MMMBop.

They have 10 kids between them, their own label, they've released a beer called MMMHops and sold 16 million albums worldwide.

Tut tut to those of you who had them down as one-hit wonders.

The cherubic trio are celebrating their 21st anniversary as a band with the release of their sixth studio album, Anthem, which includes trademark soulful pop/rock tracks like Get the Girl Back.

Metro chats with the band's oldest member, Isaac, on the run-up to their six-month world tour. Isaac spills about brotherly bickering, the industry's failings and not giving in to groupie temptation.

Has making your new album been easier than making a marriage work?
I think it's very similar to making a marriage work. It's probably more complicated because there are three people involved. Going into this album we had to make some real adjustments. We had been hitting the ground pretty hard after touring for the previous two years.

Taylor Hanson, Isaac Hanson and Zac Hanson are releasing their sixth album. EAMONN M. MCCORMACK/GETTY IMAGES

It's been publicized that the album nearly didn't happen due to disagreements. Were you working too hard?
It was part of it. We had a different plan for the record — it was much more 2013. The current way of looking at music is just not working for the whole business and nobody is willing to reassess that.

What did you want to do differently?
We wanted to make it an ongoing musical experience but I'll leave it at that. We're hoping that we'll look at that project again in the future.

Who normally incites the arguments?
(Laughs) All of us are perfectly willing to cause trouble. I will say I have a tendency to play devil's advocate quite a lot, so that keeps me in the mix.

What happened during the recording of Anthem?
The initial blowout was because we were working on our fan club EP that we release every single year and we had been up really, really late a lot of nights in a row. People were stressed about what was coming and we were working on the song Tonight at about 2 a.m. We were frustrated with the process and I said something to Zac, Zac said something to me and so on. It ended with a few fists being thrown and people walking out.

Has your enthusiasm for music waned at all since you first started?
My enthusiasm for music has never waned because I think music is the ultimate expression of fear, joy, sadness and anger — it's a great healer.

Is it the industry that's at fault?
The music business is messed up. I compare the music business to the whaling industry. The music business is still trying to sell blubber to people who want kerosene.

Are artists too dependent on the label?
Artists in so many cases become very insecure and need handlers to go through life because they allow themselves to perpetuate their own insecurity.

Justin Bieber is having a meltdown. Do you think that's what's going on with him?
I have no idea. But if you don't know who you are, everyone will tell you who you should be. If you know who you are, the music you're trying to make and why you're there, then that's sustainable; that's your foundation. Even if the girls and the fame go away, you're there for the music.

Singing till the end

"My enthusiasm for music has never waned because I think music is the ultimate expression of fear, joy, sadness and anger."
Isaac Hanson
Talking about his love of making music

Long weekend tunes

SOUND CHECK
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Labour Day. The saddest long weekend of the year. Maybe there's something here that will cheer you up.

No Rain/Blind Melon

Isolated vocals — just the recording of the singing of well-known songs — are appearing online in increasing numbers. Here's what Shannon Hoon sounded like with all the music stripped away. No Auto-Tune here, kids.

Skyfall/ Russian Army Choir

Six members of the army covering Adele for a Moscow morning show? James Bond gets respect, even in Russia.

Timberlake. Drop what you're doing, Justin needs you!

Hundreds of people flooded the streets outside a New Jersey nightclub after Justin Timberlake took to social media about filming a commercial.

The singer tweeted on Wednesday: "Join me & @Target tonight for just one song. Let's 'Take Back the Night.' First 150 get in. See you there!"

Fans jammed the street outside Maxwell's in Hoboken, and police used loudspeakers to control the crowd. The indie-rock club closed its doors after a 35-year run in July. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Justin Timberlake. GETTY IMAGES

Busy Braff keen to please all 46,000 investors of his imminent Kickstarter flick

After his hugely successful Kickstarter campaign to fund his next movie drew just as much criticism as support, Zach Braff knows he has something to prove as Wish I Was Here goes into production. "If this is the test case for this way of financing a movie, I want to set the bar really, really high," Braff tells E! News. Of course, having 46,000 investors for your film can be a bit daunting, but Braff says no one is getting short shrift. "If any of these 46,000 people email us or contact us, they get a response that day, hopefully within a couple of hours," he says. "We treat them like they're guests at the fanciest hotel and we're the concierge."

Zach Braff ALL IMAGES GETTY

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Let's cut Cyrus some slack and remember what we did in our crazy 20s

PAT HEALY
Metro World News in Boston

I'm just going to go ahead and say it: Miley Cyrus really doesn't care and I sort of love her for it. What? Don't look at me like that. The hipster dream sequence/American Apparel-ad on-acid spectacle that was the video for We Can't Stop was weird as hell, but it was also sort of amazing. And you all know it.

And here's the thing, people. Do you know how old Miley Cyrus is? She is 20 years old. Do you remember what you were doing at 20? Not caring about anything pretty much. Getting all kinds of messed up on all kinds of substances and making all kinds of mistakes. (Ahem, at least that's what I imagine YOU all were doing. I was studying for finals, in my pajamas, at all times.)

The difference between 20-year-old Miley Cyrus and 20-year-old you and me, however, is that we didn't have cameras documenting our every move. (Unless you did, in which case — hey, cool, thanks for taking time out of your fancy celebrity life and reading this column!)

So, in my estimation, Miley Cyrus is pretty much hitting all the normal, 20-year-old idiot signposts — and awesomely so.

Case and point: in response to the hysterics since her VMA performance (I'm having a little chuckle at my desk right now imagining middle-aged women furiously googling the word "twerk" and getting really, really confused) Miley did not issue some half-assed apology for slutting it up and having a good time via Twitter.

No, Miley instead began tweeting a bunch of slutty pics of herself — all of them featuring her bony butt from its least bony angle — by way of issuing the world a big middle finger. Get on with your bad self, Miley.

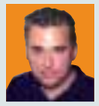
Jailbird Cameron thought to be reason-behind Douglas — Zeta Jones split

The recent split between Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones was reportedly spurred along by tension caused by his incarcerated son, Cameron Douglas, according to Radar Online. "Cameron is in solitary confinement and hasn't seen his father in an eternity, as he can't have visitors. Michael is beside himself. It consumes him," a source says. "Cameron and Catherine never seemed to have a close relationship, and I think Michael always felt she just didn't care for the situation. He probably felt there was little sympathy from her toward him and Cameron." Cameron is expected to remain in prison on drug charges until 2018.

Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta Jones

Liquid Assets

Season's end sipper



LIQUID ASSETS
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Coming from the Maritimes, I know that September can offer the best beach weather of the year. Even so, for the vast majority of Canadians the Labour Day is summer's last call.

Since the acknowledgment of hard work is the reason why we have this Monday off, I can't think of a better way to say a premature adios to summer than with a toast using something that took a little effort to create.

European bartenders have been mixing and matching their local liquids for decades, creating easy-to-make cocktails that more often than not have a wine base. All you need to get started is a bottle of white or sparkling.

In France's Burgundy region, Kir (using white) and Kir Royale (using sparkling) is made by adding a teaspoon of Crème de Cassis ($20.79 to $22.20) – a thick fruited blackberry liqueur — to the wine.

My favourite vino cocktail is The Spritz, invented in Northern Italy. Made with bubbly Prosecco, a dash of bitter Aperol ($21.99 to $26.98) aperitif and topped off with fizzy water, it's refreshing, no matter the season. PRICES REFLECT RANGE ACROSS COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

Marinades are the easiest way to add flavours to your meals. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One final summer long weekend hurrah

Marinades. Surprise your backyard get-together guests with some new flavours

Citrus marinades
Citrus juices are fairly acidic, which means they permeate and tenderize food quickly.

They work great as a base for marinades that you want to throw together just before dinner. For seafood, marinate for up to 30 minutes; chicken and steak can handle up to 2 hours.

Chipotle-Lime: Juice and zest of 2 limes, 2 tablespoons adobo sauce and 1 minced chipotle chili from a can of chipotles in adobo sauce, 2 cloves minced garlic, a hefty pinch of salt.

Orange-Cumin: Juice and zest of 1 orange, 1 tablespoon ground cumin, 1 teaspoon chili powder, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, a hefty pinch of salt. Try with haddock or chicken breasts.

Lemon-Herb: Juice and zest of 1 lemon, 1 tablespoon Italian herb blend, 1 teaspoon ground black pepper, hefty pinch of salt. Good on salmon or chicken thighs.

Vinaigrette marinades
Because vinegar is so aggressive, you'll want to temper it with oil. This helps carry the flavour into the food, as well as prevent the flavours from becoming too jarring. For fish, seafood and vegetables, marinate for 30 minutes and to up to 2 hours. For chicken, steak and pork, you can go for up to 8 hours.

Garlic-Balsamic: 2 tablespoons olive oil, 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar, 4 cloves minced garlic, hefty pinch salt. Try with pork loin or steak tips.

Spicy Hoison: 2 tablespoons rice vinegar, 2 tablespoons hoisin sauce, 1 tablespoon vegetable oil, 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes, 1 teaspoon five-spice powder. Try on chicken tenders or scallops.

Maple-Soy: 2 tablespoons soy sauce, 3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar, 2 tablespoons maple syrup. Try with pork tenderloin medallions or cod.

Wine marinades
Wine is a great base for subtle marinades. Because they have a softer flavour than citrus or vinegar, you can use them to highlight other flavours. These marinades work especially well for hearty vegetables and meats. Marinate from 30 minutes to overnight.

Red Wine-Rosemary: 1/4 cup red wine, 1 tablespoon olive oil, hefty pinch each of salt and black pepper, 1 large stem rosemary, chopped. Try with portobello mushrooms.

White Wine-Mustard: 1/4 cup dry white wine, 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard, 1 tablespoon vegetable oil, hefty pinch each salt and black pepper. Great with chicken or eggplant.

Raspberry-Ginger: 1/4 cup sweet red wine, 1/4 cup seedless raspberry jam, 1 tablespoon vegetable oil, 2 tablespoons grated ginger, hefty pinch each salt and black pepper. Try on pork chops. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 6 large ears of corn (3 with husks and silks removed, all 6 soaked in water, 10 mins)
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 4 tbsp sweet butter, melted
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro, plus sprigs to serve
- Zest and juice of 1 lime
- 2 cloves garlic, finely grated
- 1/2 tsp chipotle chili powder
- Maldon or other flaked sea salt
- 1/2 cup queso anejo
- 1/2 cup grated Asiago cheese, plus extra to garnish
- 6 slices apple wood smoked bacon, cooked and crumbled
- Ground black pepper

Mexican street corn in a salad

1. Heat grill for medium-high direct heat cooking.

2. Remove corn from water and pat dry. Brush 3 ears of husked corn on all sides with the olive oil. Leave other ears of corn in their husks.

3. Place all corn on cooking grate. Grill, turning occasionally, until husked corn is well-browned and charred in places, about 10 minutes. Other ears of corn will steam in husks, but the husks themselves will be dried out and charred in places.

4. Remove corn from grill and set aside until cool and easily handled, 5 mins. Once cool enough to handle, remove husks and silk from 3 ears that were grilled with them on.

5. One at a time, stand each ear on wide end and use serrated knife to saw down length of cob to remove the kernels. Discard the cobs, then transfer the kernels to a large bowl. Mix in the melted butter, then set aside.

6. In a bowl, stir together the mayonnaise, cilantro, lime zest and juice, garlic, chili powder and pinch of salt. Stir in both cheeses and most of the bacon, reserving a little for garnish. Add the dressing to the buttered corn kernels and mix well. Taste and season with salt and pepper. Garnish with grated cheese, cilantro and the reserved bacon. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

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This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sitting on $15 million in stamps? Watch this

Extreme Collectors. Show's host Andrew Zegers talks what's hot, what's not and how to start collecting

Andrew Zegers is joined by Penny Marshall on Extreme Collectors. CONTRIBUTED

Have a collection at home that you're ready to cash in on? Or maybe you're thinking of starting a new hobby.

Andrew Zegers is a Toronto-based collector, dealer and appraiser with more than 30 years of experience, and the host of the new series Extreme Collectors.

What's hot right now?
Every region is different, but I find in urban centres, new and younger collectors are buying Art Deco from the 1920s, up to and including teak furniture from the 1960s, along with all the accessories and lighting that compliment it.

What was hot but isn't now?
One good example...are fine porcelain figurines by Royal Doulton. They were very popular amongst collectors for many years. For the most part, serious collectors have all they want, and today's generation of collector has little interest in them.

What makes an item collectible?
That's easy...everything is collectible! It just takes one person with a desire to start collecting it, and in my 30-plus years there is little I haven't seen collected.

How do you build a collection? Where do you start?
Start with whatever gets your heart pumping. If it gives you pleasure, why not collect it? If you are unwilling to make a large financial commitment, thrift stores, flea markets, and auctions are a good option. Educate yourself, talk with other collectors and dealers. Read reference books or online collector blogs. When you're ready, attend antique markets, and paid admission shows. Focus on condition and rarity.

How do you find out what a collection/item is worth?
These are the questions I keep in mind when figuring out the value of any collection: What condition is it in? How old is it? Was it mass-produced? Does it deteriorate with time and use? Does it have crossover appeal to many different collectors? Is it beautiful to look at, or at least is it functional? Will it sell in multiple markets, or is it limited to just one? These factors have to be taken into account when determining price. Then check price guidebooks and auction results.

Why do you collect?
Collecting, for me, is not be about money. I surround myself with beautiful objects, and enjoy them all. The dollar value is just a great fringe benefit to collecting. **METRO/ EXTREME COLLECTORS PREMIERING SEPT. 2 WITH BACK-TO-BACK EPISODES AT 9 P.M. ET/11 P.M. PT ON SLICE**

LONDON TRANSIT NEWS

Labour Day, Monday, September 2, 2013

Buses will operate on a Sunday schedule on Monday, September 2, 2013 in observance of Labour Day.

Downtown Ticket Office will be closed on Monday, September 2. Regular service hours will resume on Tuesday, September 3, 2013.

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Route Schedule Changes
Effective September 1, 2013

2 Dundas
4 Oxford East
6 Richmond
9 Whitehills
10/14 Wonderland/Highbury
13 Wellington
27 Fanshawe
33 Proudfoot
34 Medway

New Route - 90 Express
Effective September 3, 2013

The semi-express route connecting Masonville Mall with downtown will run between 6:30 am and 6:30 pm Monday through Friday. This route has limited stop locations identified by orange signs.

Updated schedules are available on line at www.ltconline.ca and at both LTC locations: Main office at 450 Highbury Avenue North and the Ticket Office downtown at 150 Dundas Street.

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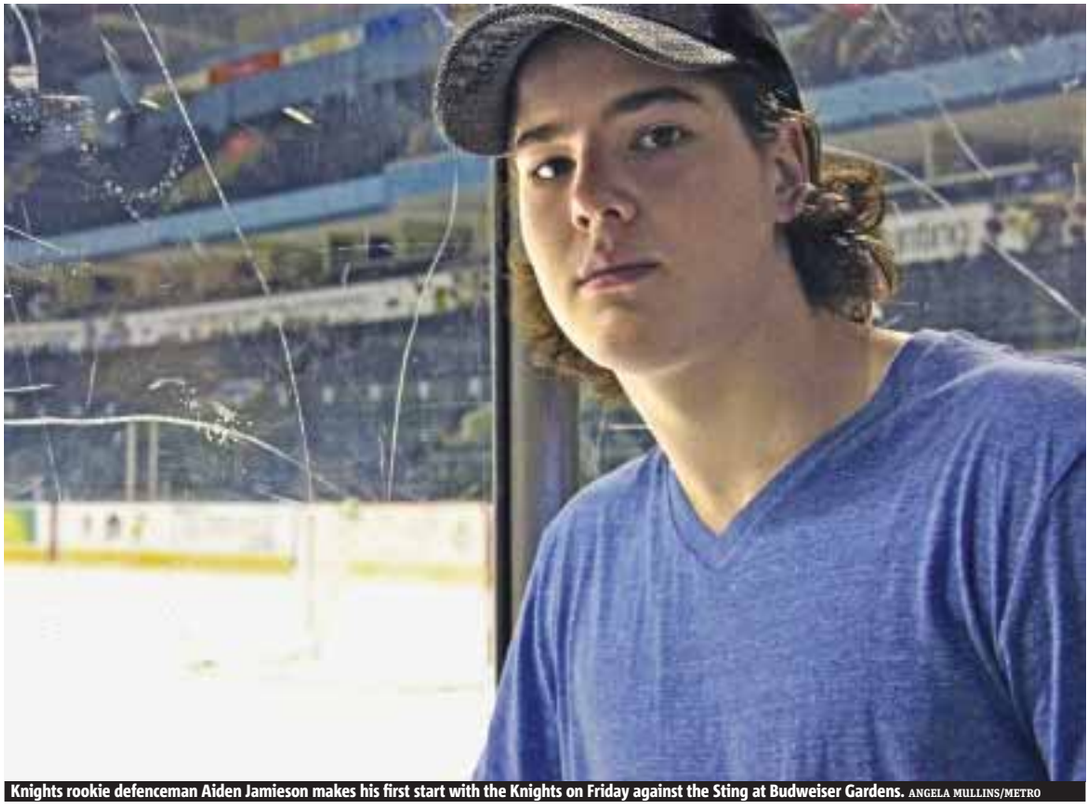

Knights rookie defenceman Aiden Jamieson makes his first start with the Knights on Friday against the Sting at Budweiser Gardens. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Some Knights take longer than others

OHL. Defenceman's 'late development' led to teams passing on him ... even London prior to his selection in recent draft's 10th round

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The London Knights had several opportunities to retain the services of defenceman Aiden Jamieson.

The first chance was the Ontario Hockey League draft in June 2012. Knights director of scouting Lindsay Hofford was there.

"We liked him in his '96 draft. He kind of just got passed over for whatever reason. We liked him in the top six rounds," Hofford said. "When you do your lists, some guys just fall to the wayside and he kind of slipped by."

Second opportunity: OHL draft, June 2013.

"We were actually picking him in the eighth round, but we couldn't get hold of him when we were calling him," Hofford said.

Third opportunity: OHL draft, June 2013, two rounds later.

"Then we got hold of him, and we took him with our next pick, which was the 10th," Hofford said. "We were calling for a half hour in between picks just to see if he was interested in coming."

The result: Jamieson has moved from an undrafted minor midget one year ago to the top of the class with the defending OHL champion Knights.

Jamieson, 17, will be in the lineup Friday when London plays its exhibition opener against the Sarnia Sting.

What took so long in getting this six-foot-two, 180-pound offensive defenceman on board?

"He's a late developer so that's why he got picked where he did," head coach Dale Hunter said Thursday. "Some kids don't develop at the same time."

Hunter said the change has been incredible.

"By watching him out here, his skating ability is outstanding. He's a pro skater," he said. "He's an offensive D, which everybody is dying for."

Hofford said Jamieson has only played defence full time for one season and that was last year at The Hill Academy in Vaughan, where Hofford is the private school's hockey director.

For his part, Jamieson wasn't certain what his options were after going undrafted two years ago after his minor midget season with the AAA Central Ontario golds and living at home in Lindsay.

Then, hockey coach Doug Orr recruited Jamieson to The Hill Academy, where Jamieson enjoyed playing the game, while retaining his NCAA eligibility. U.S. schools were knocking on the door.

"(Orr) basically saved my career," Jamieson said Thursday. "There was some interest from NCAA schools. At the start of the year, since I didn't really have the OHL as an option, I was going to have to try and get a scholarship. And then the OHL popped up."

Knights on the ice

- **Friday:** Exhibition game against Sting at Budweiser Gardens, 7:30 p.m.
- **Saturday:** Exhibition game against the Sting in Sarnia, 7:05 p.m.
- **Sept. 13:** Exhibition game against Whalers at Budweiser Gardens, 7:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 14:** Exhibition game against Whalers in Plymouth, 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 20:** Regular-season opener against Whalers at Budweiser Gardens, 7:30 p.m.
- **May 16, 2014:** First game of the Memorial Cup tournament at Budweiser Gardens.

U.S. Open

Bouchard bows out in 2nd round

Montreal's Eugenie Bouchard fought off four match points before losing 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 to eighth-seeded Angelique Kerber on Thursday in the second round of the U.S. Open.

Bouchard was unable to match her third-round Wimbledon showing last month.

Aleksandra Wozniak of Blainville, Que., faced a huge task against double Grand Slam champion Victoria Azarenka and lost 6-3, 6-1. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Williams ruled a free agent by provincial court

The CFL Players' Association says disgruntled receiver Chris Williams is now a free agent following an Ontario Superior Court of Justice ruling.

On Thursday, the court issued a ruling that quashed an arbitrator's decision in June that Williams' contract with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats was binding even though the club violated the CFL's collective bargaining agreement with the CFLPA.

Williams went to arbitration asking to be released from the final year of his contract with Hamilton to reportedly pursue NFL offers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ben Johnson

Ex-sprinter worried about 'waning credibility' of sport

Disgraced sprinter Ben Johnson is the face of a new anti-doping campaign.

Pure Sport, which has been launched by a sportswear company, will see Johnson ask sports fans to sign a petition demanding action to "improve the waning credibility of world sport," while demanding a truth-and-reconciliation process across sport.

The Canadian was stripped of his Olympic gold medal and world record in the 100 metres at the 1988 Seoul Games after testing positive for steroids. After a two-year suspension, he received a lifetime ban in 1993 for a second positive doping test. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hunter helps Tigers track down Athletics

MLB. Four-run ninth-inning gives Detroit victory over Oakland

Torii Hunter hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting Detroit over the Oakland Athletics 7-6 Thursday and boosting the Tigers after Max Scherzer was denied his 20th win and Miguel Cabrera limped off with an injury.

The Tigers scored four times in the ninth off Grant Balfour (0-3). A two-out walk set up Victor Martinez' RBI single, then Hunter homered as the Tigers avoided a sweep.

Scherzer gave up six runs in five innings. The no-decision left him with a 19-1 record.

Cabrera hurt his abdomen making an awkward slide while trying to stretch a single into a double in the fifth inning. He was listed as day to day with discomfort.

The reigning Triple Crown winner has been hobbled this month with a strain in his groin, abdominal and hip area. He's also had a banged-up left leg.

Cabrera got two hits before being injured, increasing his major league-leading batting average to .359. He leads baseball with 130 RBIs, and his 43 homers trail only Baltimore's Chris Davis.

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Tigers start Miguel Cabrera grabs his leg after coming up lame on a slide to second against the A's on Thursday in Detroit. PAUL SANCYA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On Thursday

Tigers	A's
7	6

Cabrera scare

"I'm OK. I'll play (Friday) — don't worry."

Reigning Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera who limped off the field in the fifth inning against Oakland after hurting his abdomen while making an awkward slide trying to stretch a single into a double.

Soccer

FIFA hands down global bans on players, referees

FIFA has imposed global bans to players and referees from Armenia, Lebanon, Estonia and Tunisia who are implicated in match-fixing cases.

FIFA said Thursday it extended lifetime bans for two Armenian match officials on FIFA's international list, referee Andranik Arsenyan and assistant Hovhannes Avagyan. They admitted to trying to fix a Europa League match in July for a betting scam.

Arsenyan and Avagyan, who were both appointed in 2012 to FIFA's approved list for international matches, were previously banned for life by the Armenian federation and UEFA.

FIFA applied a life ban from all football duties to defender Elvis Liivamagi of Estonian club Tallinn Kalev. Liivamagi admitted to not reporting attempts to offer bribes, but had denied offering bribes to teammates.

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Soccer

Ribery named UEFA's top player

Bayern Munich and France midfielder Franck Ribery won the UEFA Best Player in Europe award for the 2012-13 season on Thursday, beating Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo by a big margin.

Ribery earned 36 votes in the poll of journalists from across Europe — 23 more than four-time reigning world player of the year Messi. Real Madrid forward Ronaldo won three votes.

"It's a very special moment to be standing here this evening," Ribery said after receiving the award following the draw for the group stage of the Champions League in Monaco.

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Franck Ribery receives the UEFA Best Player in Europe award on Thursday in Monaco. GETTY IMAGES

Head games

Payout good PR for NFL

CATHAL KELLY
Special to Metro

The NFL pays commissioner Roger Goodell something in the region of $30 million US annually. On Thursday, he earned it all back and more.

Goodell took an existential crisis facing the NFL — a massive lawsuit resulting from decades of ignoring the problem of concussions — and sealed it off.

More than 4,500 former players settled their class-action suit against the league in return for $765 million US. That represents roughly $170,000 per litigant. It's about eight per cent of the league's annual revenue base. It's a lot of money. To the NFL, it's nothing.

Now, there will be no trial. We won't hear weeks of ruinous horror stories told in open court. As part of the deal, the NFL admitted no liability. The settlement also ties off the possibility that any of the league's 18,000 retired players can sue in the future.

GO TO METRONEWS.CA/VOICES FOR MORE ON THE NFL'S CONCUSSION ISSUES FROM CATHAL KELLY.

NFL. Former players surprised by tentative concussion settlement

Tony Dorsett hopes a proposed $765 million settlement with the NFL can make a difference in the lives of the thousands of former players who are suffering from concussion-related brain injuries.

Players like Dorsett, a Hall of Fame running back.

"There's definitely a dire need for help for these guys — for us guys," Dorsett told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The settlement would provide immediate compensation for players and their families, pay for medical exams and treatment and underwrite research that the plaintiffs hope will protect future generations from the devastating effects of repeated blows to the head. The settlement still has to be approved by Senior U.S. District Judge Anita Brody in Philadelphia, something lead plaintiffs' lawyer Christopher Seeger said he expects to happen in the next 60 to 90 days.

"I don't know all the details so I really can't speak to the specifics, but I'm glad to see there's been some movement and some reaction to all this," said Dorsett, the most accomplished and best-known plaintiff in the flurry of lawsuits after starring for the Dallas Cowboys and winning the 1976 Heisman Trophy at Pittsburgh.

Dorsett and Super Bowl-winning quarterback Jim McMahon were among the more than 4,500 former athletes — some suffering from dementia, depression or Alzheimer's — who have sued the NFL since the first case was filed in Philadelphia in 2011. They accused the league of concealing the long-term dangers of concussions and rushing injured players back onto the field, while glorifying and profiting from the kind of bone-jarring hits that make for spectacular footage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New NFL approach?

"I'm shocked that it is settled. I'm used to the NFL taking a hard-line approach as they have throughout the years with strikes and everything else."

Former NFL offensive tackle Lomas Brown

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	79	55	.590	—
Tampa Bay	75	57	.568	3
Baltimore	70	61	.534	7½
New York	70	63	.526	8½
Toronto	**60**	**74**	**.448**	**19**

CENTRAL DIVISION

Detroit	78	56	.582	—
Cleveland	71	61	.538	6
Kansas City	69	64	.519	8½
Minnesota	57	75	.432	20
Chicago	56	76	.424	21

WEST DIVISION

Texas	78	55	.586	—
Oakland	75	58	.564	3
Los Angeles	60	72	.455	17½
Seattle	59	73	.447	18½
Houston	44	88	.333	33½

Thursday's results
L.A. Angels 2 Tampa Bay 0
Kansas City 3 Minnesota 1
Detroit 7 Oakland 6
Baltimore at Boston
Seattle at Houston
Wednesday's results
Toronto 7 N.Y. Yankees 2
Oakland 14 Detroit 4
Texas 12 Seattle 4
Tampa Bay 4 L.A. Angels 1
Chicago White Sox 6 Houston 1
Kansas City 8 Minnesota 1
Boston 4 Baltimore 3
Friday's games
All times Eastern
Baltimore (Gonzalez 8-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 11-11), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Santana 8-7) at **Toronto (Buehrle 10-7)**, 7:07 p.m.
Cleveland (McAllister 7-7) at Detroit (Porcello 10-7), 7:08 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Santiago 4-7) at Boston (Dempster 6-9), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Hendriks 0-2) at Texas (Darvish 12-5), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Walker 0-0) at Houston (Peacock 3-4), 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 8-5) at Oakland (Parker 10-6), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	80	52	.606	—
Washington	67	65	.508	13
Philadelphia	61	73	.455	20
New York	60	72	.455	20
Miami	49	82	.374	30½

CENTRAL DIVISION

St. Louis	78	55	.586	—
Pittsburgh	77	55	.583	½
Cincinnati	75	59	.560	3½
Milwaukee	58	74	.439	19½
Chicago	56	77	.421	22

WEST DIVISION

Los Angeles	78	55	.586	—
Arizona	68	64	.515	9½
Colorado	63	72	.467	16
San Diego	60	73	.451	18
San Francisco	59	74	.444	19

Thursday's results
N.Y. Mets 11 Philadelphia 3
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh
Miami at Washington
Cleveland at Atlanta
Wednesday's results
Colorado 5 San Francisco 4
Atlanta 3 Cleveland 2
Philadelphia 6 N.Y. Mets 2
San Diego 5 Arizona 1
Cincinnati 10 St. Louis 0
Pittsburgh 7 Milwaukee 1
Washington 4 Miami 3
L.A. Dodgers 4 Chicago Cubs 0
Friday's games — All times Eastern
Philadelphia (Halladay 3-4) at Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 8-11), 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis (Miller 12-8) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 14-6), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Gee 9-9) at Washington (Zimmermann 15-7), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (Fernandez 10-5) at Atlanta (Teheran 10-7), 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 8-7) at Milwaukee (Peralta 8-13), 8:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Arroyo 13-9) at Colorado (Manship 0-4), 8:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 7-13) at Arizona (Delgado 4-4), 9:40 p.m.
San Diego (Stults 8-11) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 12-5), 10:10 p.m.

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Toronto	8	5	3	0	244	209	10
Hamilton	8	4	4	0	203	219	8
Montreal	8	3	5	0	195	239	6
Winnipeg	8	1	7	0	167	247	2

WEST DIVISION

Saskatchewan	8	7	1	0	264	177	14
Calgary	8	6	2	0	261	200	12
B.C.	8	5	3	0	207	203	10
Edmonton	8	1	7	0	188	235	2

WEEK 10
Friday's game — All times Eastern
Hamilton at B.C., 10 p.m.
Sunday's game
Winnipeg at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m.
Monday's game
Edmonton at Calgary, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 3
Montreal at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Montreal	12	7	5	41	35	41
New York	11	9	6	38	34	39
Kansas City	11	9	6	36	26	39
Philadelphia	10	8	8	37	37	38
New England	10	9	6	34	24	36
Houston	10	8	6	29	28	36
Chicago	10	10	4	30	34	34
Columbus	8	12	5	29	34	29
Toronto	4	12	9	22	34	21
D.C.	3	17	5	15	41	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Salt Lake	13	8	6	48	33	45
Los Angeles	12	9	4	40	32	40
Colorado	10	7	9	33	27	39
Portland	9	4	12	37	26	39
Seattle	11	8	4	31	26	37
Dallas	9	7	10	36	38	37
Vancouver	10	9	6	36	33	36
San Jose	9	10	7	28	37	34
Chivas	5	14	6	24	45	21

Friday's games — All times Eastern
New England at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Portland at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.
Saturday's games
Seattle at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
D.C. at New York, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You have met so many challenges lately that you are entitled to back off — but you won't. Mars, your ruler, is urging you to go on the attack. Keep the pressure on your rivals, and on yourself.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
There are a number of things you no longer need in your life and now is the time to get rid of them. You know what they are and how they are holding you back, so go on and purge.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
It will be easy to go over the top and say something you don't really mean — and the consequences could be costly. You don't need to be so forthright in your opinions.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Your mind is moving super fast at the moment, thanks to the positive influence of Mercury. But others won't be so quick in the brain box department, so make allowances and spell out the answers for them.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You must resolve to stay the course, whatever the temptation may be to cut your losses and get out. Your solar chart indicates that it will all work out right in the end.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Even if the facts are on your side, you could be in a difficult position today because friends and colleagues have got it completely wrong and you don't want to embarrass them. Still, the truth is the truth.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your popularity will soar over the next few days and people in positions of power will go out of their way to do you favours. Bear in mind though that they will expect those favours to be returned.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are not the kind to let people dictate to you but cosmic activity in the career area of your chart suggests you may have to today. Try not to antagonize authority figures.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A Sun-Saturn link will boost your self-discipline and make it easier for you to complete tasks that you might otherwise lose interest in. It's not true that Sags lack in staying power. Prove it.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
There may be no logical reason why a certain person gets on your nerves but they do and there isn't much you can do about it. What you can do, of course, is stay out of their way for the next 24 hours.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Don't allow yourself to be talked into supporting a cause you don't believe in. Just because it is the fashionable thing does not make it right.

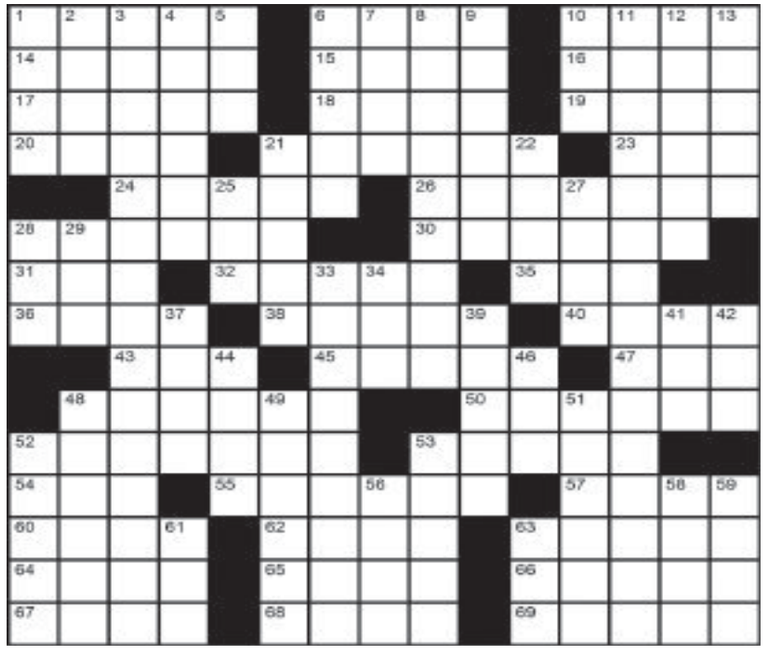
♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
There is no point trying to explain why you have chosen to follow a certain course — few people are likely to understand. The only thing that matters is that you believe you are doing the right thing. Do you?

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

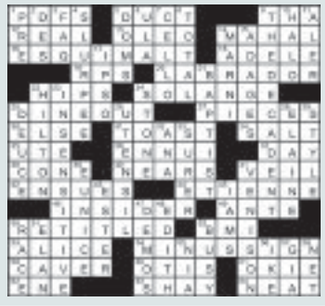
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Apple, in Quebec City
6. Boxing blows
10. Cook's crackees
14. Vestibule
15. Fit
16. Ms. Loughlin of "Full House"
17. "Over There": Composed by George M. __
18. 'Proper' word?
19. String problem
20. Ladies
21. Swanky neighbourhood of Winnipeg
23. __ and flow
24. "__, __! I remember now!"
26. Escape; or, Selena Gomez's new movie
28. Fellini film, "La __" (1954)
30. Restrain: 2 wds.
31. Furry friend
32. "...upon so __ _ subject as myself." - Bit of Romeo and Juliet
35. Big hurricane, __: 5
36. Longbow woods
38. Hen's home
40. Crevice-filling wedge
43. Q. "What's the opposite of 'out'?" A. "'__', _ think."
45. Ms. O'Donnell
47. Numerical prefix
48. Mini burger
50. Vancouver-born actor James who played Scotty on "Star Trek"
52. Certain cracker
53. Category
54. "Babe: __ in the City" (1998)
55. Mary-Kate and Ashley
57. Venerations
60. Moisturizer ingredient
62. "Make __ __." ("Star Trek: The Next Generation" catchphrase)
63. Sharpshoot
64. Not ruffled
65. Crease
66. President Nixon's first VP, Spiro __
67. Rubik's Cube inventor, __ Rubik
68. Genuine
69. Gives up control

Down
1. Mil. ranks
2. "Wooow!"
3. Celine Dion hit: 5 wds.
4. Fredericton-born soprano Ms. Brueggergosman
5. Sea eagle, variantly
6. Roman Myth: God of beginnings
7. "...like _ __ of chocolates..." - Forrest Gump
8. Country sound
9. E-Mail getter, say
10. Antlered animal
11. Film classic on Vancouver-born actress Ann Rutherford's resume: 4 wds.
12. Josh of song
13. Be indifferent: 2 wds.
21. "Coffee, __ __ milk?"
22. Ear-related
25. NFL measurements
27. Collections of anecdotes
28. Mata Hari, for one
29. Little laugh, __-hee
33. Montreal-born opera great, Maureen __
34. Also
37. Miffed state
39. Rolling-to-shore waters
41. Mr. Gershwin
42. Maximum opp.
44. Prefix to 'syncrasy' (Mannerism)
46. Time type
48. Popeye's profession
49. Join the army
51. Netflix prison-set series, "__ Is the New Black"
52. Astronomer's interest
53. Pointed-hat garden ornament
56. Classic tongue-twister bit, "__ Wood sawed wood."
58. Blade in sports
59. Uses needle-and-thread
61. Jeff Lynne's gr.
63. Pouch

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

2		4	1		6	3		7
		5	8		4	9		
	7						8	
			3		7			
1								2
			9		2			
	4						3	
		2	7		5	1		
5		8	4		1	7		9

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	1	6	4	9	8	6	3	7
4	6	9	7	5	3	1	2	8
3	8	7	2	1	6	4	9	5
6	3	1	9	2	7	8	5	4
7	9	4	3	8	5	2	1	6
5	2	8	6	4	1	3	7	9
1	7	3	5	6	4	9	8	2
8	4	2	1	7	9	5	6	3
9	5	6	8	3	2	7	4	1

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